

Parents...

*School Bus Safety
begins and ends
at home*

**School bus
safety is no
accident**

Department of Defense Dependents Schools reopen on Tuesday, September 2, 2003

Keep your children ready for their daily commute to school!

**Only YOU can keep your children ready—
Do these five things now and throughout the school year:**

1. **LOOK** at and **KNOW** your children's route to and from the bus stop
2. **SHOW** your children how to go safely to and from the bus stop -- Use **HANDS ON** instruction
3. **REVIEW** the five basic bus safety rules with your children -- **FOLLOW UP** and **REINFORCE**
4. **STRESS** good behavior on the bus -- **GOOD BEHAVIOR** and **SAFETY** go hand-in-hand
5. **REPORT** your safety concerns **IMMEDIATELY** to the school transportation office

Important facts you need to know:

- ✓ In Europe, *traffic does not stop for loading and unloading school buses*. Teach your children this life-saving rule:
Never cross the street in front of or behind the bus.
- ✓ Children are at the *greatest risk* for accidents and injuries *going to and from the bus stop*.
- ✓ These five basic bus safety rules *prevent* most accidents and injuries:

1. **Be on time -- WALK, don't run to the bus stop**
2. **WAIT for the bus 3 steps back from the curb**
3. **TAKE your seat on the bus and stay in it -- in ENGLAND, also BUCKLE UP**
4. **Get off the bus, take 3 steps away and WAIT for the bus to leave**
5. **NEVER go in front of or behind the bus**

